

Page 4, before the third paragraph please add the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

BS Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 7, with the following:

As shown in the accompanying drawings an explosively actuated tool for driving a fastener such as a pin into a substrate such as concrete or steel, comprises a main multi-part housing 2 having a handle 4 with a trigger 6 which co-operates with a firing mechanism in conventional manner. A barrel 8 mounted within the housing 2 carries a drive piston 10 which is propelled forwardly along the barrel 8 upon firing of an explosive charge so as to drive into the substrate a fastener within the forward end of the barrel 8. The rear end of the barrel 8 co-operates in conventional manner with a strip 120 containing a number of explosive charges arranged seriatim along the strip. The barrel 8 comprises a front section 8a which projects forwardly from the housing and a separate rear section 8b. The front and rear barrel sections 8a, 8b are each mounted for axial movement relative to the housing 2 and the two barrel sections 8a, 8b are separated by a piston retention and resetting mechanism 12 which is also mounted for axial movement within the housing 2. The mechanism 12 has a central passage aligned with the bore of the front and rear barrel sections 8a, 8b whereby the piston 10 can extend from the rear barrel section 8b into the front barrel section 8a via the mechanism 12.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Be> 1. An explosively operated tool, comprising a housing, a barrel assembly mounted within the housing, and a piston within the barrel assembly and actuated upon firing of the tool to drive a fastener in the forward end of the barrel assembly into a substrate, wherein the barrel assembly is mounted for axial movement within the housing and co-operates with a mass mounted for rearwards movement relative to the housing in opposition to a biasing force to absorb recoil on firing of the tool, and a resetting mechanism for resetting the piston into a rear part of the barrel assembly after firing, said resetting mechanism being powered in response to displacement of said mass on recoil.